

# Hawaii MARINE LIFESTYLES

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Above — Scores of mo-peds are available for rent in Waikiki and rates are somewhat consistent from business to business. To rent a mo-ped, riders must be at least 18 and have a valid driver's license. All the controls on a mo-ped are hand operated, including the gas and front and rear brakes.

Left — Leann Gutkowski, administrative clerk, Installation Personnel Administration Center, Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, sits atop the mo-ped she's chosen before riding on the busy streets of Waikiki.

## Scootin' about town

Low-powered mo-peds are one of the easiest and cheapest ways to go sight-seeing

**Story and Photos By  
Lance Cpl. Roger L. Nelson**  
*Combat Correspondent*

**HONOLULU** — Imagine cruising down the street with your hair blowing in the wind, adrenaline rushing through your veins as you zip by cars at speeds of up to 40 miles per hour. Suddenly, you realize that your time has run out, and you decide to take one last ride into the sunset before you return the rented mo-ped to the shop.

"I've been stationed here for a while and every time I go to Waikiki, I see people speeding by on these scooters," said Lance Cpl. Leann M. Gutkowski, administrative clerk, Installation Personnel Administrative Center, Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. "I always wanted to rent one for the day, but never had anyone to do it with, because my husband was in Iraq."

Leann explained that it was her first time riding a mo-ped, and a bicycle was the closest thing she has ridden to a mo-ped.

"I was kind of nervous, because I had no clue how to drive the thing, and it looked like you had to have skill to ride one," said



The throttle on a mo-ped is equivalent to the gas pedal on a car and is used to make the vehicle accelerate.

the Illinois native. "After the guy who worked there explained how to drive the thing to me, it didn't seem that hard."

Lance Cpl. Chad E. Gutkowski, motor transport, Combat Service Support Group 3, MCB Hawaii, K-Bay, explained that ever since he returned from Iraq, his wife wanted to go rent the mo-peds for a day, but their work schedules would not allow it.

"We wanted to rent them for the whole day, because it's a better deal, so time was always a reason why we couldn't go," said

Chad, a Wisconsin native. "But we had a four-day weekend, so I figured I'd take her on one of our days off and spend the whole day riding around town on the mo-peds."

Chad said some of the people who went with them had trouble with the mo-peds.

"One girl that went with us had the hardest time on the mo-ped. She could just not grasp the concept of how to ride it," said Chad. "When she would stop, she would forget to take her hand off of the gas while she was hitting the brake, so we thought we may end up having to make a run to Tripler (Army hospital) before the end of the day."

In Hawaii, mo-ped riders must have a valid driver's license, be at least 18 years old, and possess a credit card for the deposit required to rent a mo-ped.

"It was a really good price to rent them. I was expecting to pay a lot more," admitted Chad. "It was \$25 to rent the scooters from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and \$35 to rent them for 24 hours."

Leann said that riding the mo-ped was one of the most fun things she has done since she's been stationed in Hawaii.

"I had an awesome time on the little mo-peds," said the 20-year-old. "It seems like it wouldn't have been as much fun if we wouldn't have had a lot of people with us. So, the more people the better, I think. We looked like some kind of little mo-ped club or something — cruising around the strip."

Leann said she hopes to rent mo-peds again sometime in the near future.

"It was awesome, and it was a lot scarier then I expected them to be," she admitted. "They go a lot faster than I thought they would, and we weren't wearing helmets, so I was cautious and didn't drive too fast. I was happy with my cruising speed."

Chad said the cost to rent the mo-peds is basically the same at all of the mo-ped rentals.

"There's like a hundred places in Waikiki to rent mo-peds, and all of the prices are pretty much the same, so I would just pick the first place you find and rent from there," said the 23-year-old.

"Any way you look at it, it's a lot of fun and it's something all of your friends can go out and do on the weekends for a reasonable price."



Lance Cpl. Leann Gutkowski rides through Ala Moana Beach Park on a rented mo-ped. Gutowski said she can't wait to take another ride on a mo-ped because she enjoyed herself so much on her first ride.

# Special evening sales sure to surprise

**Yibeli Galindo-Baird**

Marine Corps Community Services Marketing

It is common knowledge that men and women have differing shopping styles. Most men will go to the closest or most popular store known to carry the item they need, they'll grab the first one they see and head to the cashier right away. The deed gets done in record time.

Women, on the other hand, are comparison shoppers, for the most part. They will find out what stores carry the item they need, check the newspaper circulars to see if the item is on sale that week, and they may still shop around to make sure that the sale price listed is indeed the lowest price. Some women might even spend more money on the gas as they drive around to other stores to research the potential savings on their needed items.

In the end, the item may be researched, purchased, returned, repurchased and then re-turned in case it goes on a bigger sale the following week. In other words, women tend to take a longer approach.

Regardless of what shopping style you practice, the reality is that we all need to shop for the holidays, finish in a timely manner (preferably before Christmas, or during Hanukkah or



Photo Courtesy of Ed Hanlon V

**Holiday shopping will be a breeze when you take advantage of the Men's and Ladies' nights sales at the Marine Corps Exchange taking place on Dec. 7 and 14, respectively. These two events are the perfect opportunities to shop for opposite-gendered friends or relatives with the assistance of savvy MCX staff.**

Kwanzaa celebrations), and save money in the process.

Just as importan is the element of surprise. With families shopping together, sometimes it can be difficult, if not downright impossible, to

buy gifts for those family members who are accompanying you.

So what is the solution? Men's and Ladies' Nights at the Marine Corps Exchange.

These special sale events are

designed to offer an opportunity for family members to buy gifts privately without the spouse or opposite gendered relative peeking at that special gift with which you plan on surprising your family member.

Men's Night kicks off the series on Dec. 7. From 6 to 10 p.m. Only male patrons will be allowed to shop to their heart's content for all sorts of goods ranging from clothing to household goods and jewelry.

Ladies' Night follows on Dec. 14 with items that are sure to please the men in their lives, as well as treat female shoppers with a few gifts for themselves. Doors will also open from 6 to 10 p.m. and will feature a different variety of items at discounted prices not offered at any other time of the year.

Staff will also be on hand to offer advice and recommendations on items customers may not be familiar with. For example, men may need advice on ladies' sizing and styles, and women may need input on technical features and technological trends.

While the MCX will offer other sales during the remainder of the holiday season, this is one surefire way of making sure that you have a little privacy to surprise your intended gift recipient, a lot of help choosing the best items to please your spouse or relative, and just the right pricing and discounts to make this a shopping event not to miss.

For more information on this and other upcoming sales, call 257-3890.

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### Possibilities in Paradise

**Kahuna's Sports Bar & Grill**  
254-7660/7661

**Live Entertainment** — December would not be off to a good start without some live entertainment.

Today, drop by the club for the popular sounds of One World Tribe. This band starts performing its original beats at 10 p.m.

**Monday Night Football** — Get ready to cheer on your favorite team at Kahuna's Monday Night Football.

A special menu, which will be offered on Saturday, will be available at 6 p.m. National Trivia Network QB1 will also be available for those of you who are psychic enough to call the next play.

Catch this week's game when the Seattle Seahawks match might with the Philadelphia Eagles.

**Bosses' Night with Hosted Karaoke** — You know your boss can holler, but can he or she sing? Find out, Tuesday, by inviting him or her to this special Bosses' Night featuring Island Mobile Productions Karaoke from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Complimentary pupus will be available and MCCS Football Bash prizes will be handed out, including MCCS gift certificates, soft drink company merchandise, grills and more.

E-6 and above are welcome, but must be in the uniform of the day.

**Hot Country Nights** — Country music is hotter than ever. This week Dita Holifield and Red Handed will come to Kahuna's for an evening of chart-topping sounds and some old-fashioned classics.

Dita begins her performance at 8 p.m.

**Staff NCO Club**  
254-5481

**Monday Night Football** — This is the place to be to get into the football state of mind. Special menus will be available at the Rocker Room with half-price specials for members, 6 to 8:30 p.m., or at the end of the half-time.

In addition to Sticky Man races, you can compete to become the King or Queen of the Quarter for the opportunity to sit in the best seat of the house — a plush recliner — for a whole quarter. Ask the staff for details. Sorry, a remote does not come with the recliner.

This week's game features the Seattle Seahawks against the Philadelphia Eagles. Don't miss it.

**Family Night** — Come one, come all, this Thursday night for the entire family to enjoy at the Staff NCO Club. From 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. bring your little ones, your parents, and anyone else who is a part of your ohana to this evening featuring fun, finger food, games and good times.

The children's buffet will feature macaroni and cheese, fish sticks, pizza, and more children's favorites. The adult buffet line will offer chicken stir-fry, meat loaf and green bean casserole among other popular selections.

No family night would be complete without some entertainment. Young ones and those young at heart will be delighted to find balloons, board games and face painting among the various activities that will make this evening one worth repeating.

Club members pay \$9.95 for adults, \$7.95 for children ages 7 to 12, and \$5.95 for children 2 to 6. Nonmembers should add \$1.50 to the prices above. There is no charge of children younger than 2.

For more information, call 254-5481.

**Officers' Club**  
254-7650/7649

**Holiday Buffet** — Starting today, and throughout the month of December, make plans to come by the club to celebrate the spirit of the holidays with our Holiday Buffet.

The buffet will be available Fridays and Saturdays starting at 5:30 p.m. and will feature entrées such as steamed filet of fish à la Chinatown, sautéed chicken breast a la milanaise, snow crab legs and carved roast prime rib, among others.

Cost for members is \$26.50, while nonmembers can enjoy their meal for an additional 20 percent.

**Army-Navy Game** — Cheer on the Navy Midshipmen as they face-off against the Army's Black Nights in this highly anticipated match that takes place this year at Philadelphia's Lincoln Financial Field on Saturday.

Watch the game at the club's Lanai Ballroom, downstairs. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m., giving everyone plenty of time to get there for the kick-off at 9:30 a.m.

Enjoy the pre-game festivities, coffee, Danish pastries and fresh fruit. And at halftime, partake in the hot dogs, chili, rice, and a crudités tray with dip and chips. The bar will be open as well.

**Champagne Sunday Brunch** — With the beautiful vistas of the beach, the mountains and the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course, you can't go wrong booking your party for Champagne Sunday Brunch at the club from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Among the items from which to choose are teriyaki beef, eggs Benedict, snow crab legs, bacon, Portuguese sausage, and much more.

Member pricing is \$17.50 plus \$3 with champagne, while nonmembers price is \$19.95 plus \$3 with champagne. Children 8 to 12 pay \$6.95, children 5 to 7 pay \$3.95, and there is no charge for brunch for children 4 and younger.

Reservations are highly recommended. Be sure to call ahead for seating arrangements.

**Seafood Buffet** — Enjoy this once-a-month treat. Come down to the club Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. for a buffet that features seafood selections.

Menu items include snow crab legs, carved black Angus prime rib, peel 'n' eat shrimp, south of the border ahi poke, and much more.

Members pay \$23.50 and nonmembers pay \$26.95.

### All Hands

**Special Olympics Holiday Classic** — Head out today and Saturday to cheer on the 2005 Special Olympics Hawaii Holiday Classic State Games' participants who will be competing in basketball and bowling tournaments at the Semper Fit Center and K-Bay Lanes Bowling Center, respectively.

This annual multi-level competition provides participating athletes with continuous opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and share their talents and friendship with their families, fellow Special Olympics athletes, event volunteers and others.

The mission of Special Olympics Hawaii is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition on a variety of Olympic-type sports for persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities, 8 or older.

For game schedules and other information, call 254-7664 or 254-7597.

**Autograph Session** — If you're into surfing, drop by the Marine Corps Exchange Saturday for the Quicksilver Pro-Surfer Autograph session featuring the hottest icons of this sport.

The session runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Store-bought surfing apparel or personal items will be autographed by the pros.

For details, call the MCX at 254-3890.

Year	Make/Model	Min. Bid
2000	Pontiac SunfireGT	\$2,500
Excellent condition		
2000	Chevy Malibu	\$2,000
Excellent condition		
1997	VW Jetta	\$500
Runs, needs electrical work/inter		
1997	Dodge Caravan	\$100
Bad motor, body damage		
1996	Mazda Miata	\$100
Parts only, under carriage damaged		
1994	Ford Thunderbird	\$300
Runs, need repairs		
1994	Toyota Tercel	\$200
Runs, needs TLC		
1994	Ford Mustang	\$100
Bad motor, body damage		
1994	Ford Mustang	\$100
Parts only		
1993	Chevy Blazer	\$100
Not running, blown head gaskets, seats missing		
1992	BMW 3 series	\$100
Runs, needs electrical work/inter		
1991	Mitsubishi Eclipse	\$300
Runs well, needs TLC		
1991	Honda Accord	\$200
Runs well, needs clutch work		
1990	Cadillac Sedan	\$100
Runs, possibly needs head gaskets		
1988	BMW 750IL	\$100
Runs, needs repairs, has small body damage		
1986	Ford Ranger	\$100
Not running blown head gaskets		

For auto info, call 254-7674 or e-mail carl.cabrera@usmc-mccs.org.

**Dad's Baby Boot Camp/Mom's Basic Training** — Expectant mothers are invited to the Key Volunteer Center from Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. where they will be taught the fine art of becoming a great care provider for their baby.

The training will cover childbirth education and infant care classes for expecting moms and soon-to-be dads.

For more details, call 257-8803.

**Sponsorship Training** — This class, scheduled for Thursday is mandatory for all personnel assigned as sponsors for inbound service

members. It provides a complete outline of sponsor's duties.

For more information, call the Relocation Assistance Program at 257-7790.

**Dual Service Couples Informational Presentation** — This workshop discussed situations that are faced by couples who are both in the military. Personnel from Base Legal and Installation Personnel Administration Command will discuss the administrative, pay and legal issues common to these couples.

The presentation will take place Thursday at the Bachelor Officers' Quarters Conference Room from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Child care will be provided at the LINKS House, Building 3074.

For more information, call 257-7777.

**Camp Smith Holiday Craft Fair** — Drop by the second deck of U.S. Marine Forces Pacific's Headquarters Building 4 to start your gift shopping at the annual Camp Smith Holiday Craft Fair scheduled Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Outside the Pollock Theater you will find everything from homemade and seasonal craft items to baked goods.

Items offered during this popular fair sell out quickly, so come by early for the best selection.

For more information, call 477-5143.

**Winter Adventure Registration** — The Youth Activities program is currently accepting registrations for its Winter Adventure Program, which runs from Dec. 19 through Jan. 6, 2006. There will be no sessions on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

Call Youth Activities for information on programs available and fees at 254-7610.

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### Ongoing

**Safety Inspections Available at the Auto Skills Center** — Wondering where to go for that safety inspection required for your vehicle registration? Look no further than the Auto Skills Center's certified personnel.

This service is available Monday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. or until openings are filled.

For more information, or to make an appointment, call the Auto Skills Center at 254-7675.

MOVIE TIME	
Elizabethtown (PG-13)	Today at 7:15 p.m.
Two for the Money (R)	Today at 9:45 p.m.
Wallace and Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G)	Saturday at 7:15 p.m.
A History of Violence (R)	Saturday at 9:45 p.m.
Elizabethtown (PG-13)	Sunday at 2 p.m.
Domino (R)	Sunday at 6:30 p.m.
Two for the Money (R)	Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Wallace and Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G)	Friday at 7:15 p.m.
A History of Violence (R)	Friday at 9:45 p.m.

Personality Features

# Tech takes career one step at a time

**Pfc. Edward C. deBree**  
*Combat Correspondent*

He quietly sits alone, waiting to board a C-130 transport plane that is heading to the mainland to participate in a one-month training exercise at Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Ariz., with the rest of his unit, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463.

The young aviation technician will train in a desert environment to prepare for an upcoming deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“My thought on deploying to Iraq is that they asked us to go, so we’re going,” said Sgt. Zachary Pilon, HMH-463. “I’ve been deployed to a few places before, but this is my first one to a combat situation.”

Pilon has been deployed to Japan, twice, and four times to Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, to prepare for deployments to combat zones. Now he has the chance to show that all the training he has completed so far was well worth the effort.

“I’m not really afraid of going to Iraq, because that’s my job,” said the 25-year-old, Myrtle Beach, S.C. native. “It needs to be done, so I have to do what I have to do.”

Pilon joined the Marine Corps after graduating from high school. He said that he knew after finishing high school that college was not in the cards for him.

“I joined because I didn’t want to go to college,” said Pilon. “I wasn’t ready for college, because I was basically done with school and the whole education environment. Being 18 years old at the time, I had to do something or else I was going nowhere.”

Pilon decided to join the Marine Corps because the Marine recruiter showed more interest in helping him decide what to do after high school. The Marine recruiter’s influence was one aspect that helped him decide to join the Marine Corps in June 1998. But it was also an easy decision because he knew the other services weren’t going to suit his needs.

“I knew I didn’t want to join the Navy, because I didn’t want to go on ships, which is ironic because I ended up on ships,” he said. “I didn’t even talk to the Air Force, and I didn’t join the Army because of my stepfather. He was in the Army, and he told me a lot of war stories of when he was in the Army, and I completely shut out the Army because of that.”

When Pilon walked into the recruiting office, he was hoping to get a job that



**Sgt. Zachary Pilon, aviation technician, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, waits for his squadron to leave the Marine Corps Air Field at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, for Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Ariz., Nov. 15, where they will train prior to deploying to Iraq.**

dealt with computers. Instead he got one that dealt with helicopters, something that he has since learned to enjoy.

“When they told me my job, I didn’t know what it really was,” he said. “I did have a general idea, so I knew that I had to go to the school with an open mind. I have no complaints with the job I have.”

Being stationed at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, gave Pilon the opportunity to meet the woman that would eventually become his wife of almost four years.

With his hectic work schedule and spending time with his wife, Pilon still finds time to attend Chaminade University on base. Pilon already has earned an associate’s degree in criminal justice and is currently working on his bachelor’s degree. Even though he has a degree that will help him when he leaves the Marine Corps, Pilon said he is undecided about what he will do after he gets out, or even if he will get out.

“I have thought about getting out before, but then I reenlisted,” he said. “I think the best thing I can do is take my career in the Marine Corps one enlistment at a time.”

# Boatswain balances humor with reality

**Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson**  
*Combat Correspondent*

When asked what was one of the main things that made the Washington, D.C. native as successful as he has been in his life, he sat back in his seat and simply said, “Mentorship.”

“Allow people to share their experiences with you to gain knowledge for yourself,” said Ensign Marc Tinaz, officer-in-charge, Waterfront Operations, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. “Then, in time, be a mentor to the young and share your experiences for them to learn.”

Standing strong as the only Bos’n (boatswain’s mate) stationed aboard K-Bay, his responsibilities include search and rescue, environmental and water security, and assisting the offices of the Provost Marshall and Land and Resources. Along with other duties and responsibilities, Tinaz still manages to make time for his family and has maintained a good sense of humor throughout his Navy career.

“Ensign Tinaz is probably one of the funniest people I have ever met,” said Petty Officer 2nd Class Cheryl Sanchez, senior hospital corpsman, also assigned to Waterfront Operations. “It’s great, because he is very approachable and easy to talk to. He’s really taught me the traits of what kind of leader I would like to be.”

Growing up in a household with two older sisters, Tinaz attended Paul VI Catholic School in Fairfax, Va., and spent the majority of his time as a lifeguard at a residential pool. After graduation in 1988, Tinaz attended Northern Virginia Community College, but grew restless, knowing there was something more he wanted to do with his life.

“I had no inspiration in my life,” said the 35-year-old. “Then, when Operation Desert Shield/Storm came about, it inspired me to do something. So, I joined the military.”

Tinaz informed his parents of his decision to join the Navy approximately a month before attending basic training in Great Lakes, Ill., in 1991. Although neither parent had been in the military, they were enthusiastic about his choice.

After graduation from boot camp, Tinaz attended the Navy’s Quartermaster School in Orlando, Fla., where he went through six weeks of navigation training. His first duty station took him to the combat stores ship USS Mars (AFS-1), homeported in Oakland, Calif., where he remained until 1994. During his tour there, he held the billet of junior navigator and traveled to places such as Djibouti, Somalia, Thailand, Bali, Singapore and Japan.

“My time in the Navy has definitely been a positive experience,” said Tinaz. “My family and I are very lucky to now be stationed in Hawaii.”

Tinaz met his wife, Cori, in Pleasanton, Calif., and married her in 1995. They now have two sons

together, D.J., 5, and Dylan, 2.

“I crush my two savages with love and attention, when I’m not at work,” said Tinaz. “Being on 48-month tours makes you miss a lot in their lives. I want to make up for that lost time.”

Tinaz chose to remain in the Navy and arrived in Little Creek, Va., and was assigned to patrol coastal boat USS Firebolt (PC-10) where he was a combat coxswain until 1998.

“I applied for the class to be a combat coxswain, got screened and got accepted,” said Tinaz.”

His last two duty stations before deciding to accept a commission kept him in Virginia. One was the Naval Medical Hospital Center in Portsmouth, Va., where he held the billet of substance abuse counselor. He served his final billet there as the assistant navigator aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Normandy (CG-60), homeported in Norfolk, Va.

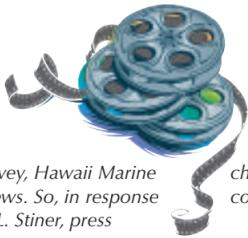
Even though he had reached the rank of senior chief petty officer during his career as an enlisted Sailor, Tinaz decided to move to the officer ranks

See **TINAZ, B-7**



**Ensign Marc Tinaz, officer-in-charge, Waterfront Operations, stands on one of his safe boats docked at MCB Hawaii, K-Bay. Tinaz uses a balance of humor and reality to get the day-to-day mission accomplished.**

MOVIE



REVIEWS

Editor's Note: In a recent survey, Hawaii Marine readers asked for movie reviews. So, in response to your request, Cpl. Megan L. Stiner, press chief, and Lance Cpl. Roger L. Nelson, combat correspondent, present Movie Reviews.



# ‘Just Friends’ is just too funny to miss

Romantic comedy is worth time, cash : Funny but predictable comedy falls short

**Lance Cpl. Roger L. Nelson**  
*Combat Correspondent*

So, you get off work and finally get up the nerve to call the girl who has been running through your mind all day, and as you wait anxiously for her to answer, you think about what you’re going to say when you hear her voice. She answers, and you ask, “So, you want to go to the local ice-cream shop and get a tutti-frutti ice-cream?” She replies with the answer everyone dreads to hear from the person they’re in love with, “Sure, but just as a friend. Right?” So you say, “Yes,” and then call back 10 minutes later with a made-up excuse as to why you can’t go. Actually, maybe that’s just me.

This situation is the scenario that Chris, played by Ryan Reynolds, is in with his high school dream girl, Jamie, played by Amy Smart, and it makes for a very funny movie.

We are first introduced to the two in “Just Friends,” directed by Robert Kumble, just as they’ve graduated from high school in 1995. The dynamic duo have been good buddies for years now, but always just pals. Jamie is a “hottie” who almost any guy would love to have as a girlfriend, but Chris, on the other hand, is quite rotund and may have a bit of an obesity problem that prevents him from confessing his love to Jamie.

During a party to celebrate their graduation, an obnoxious bully reads, out loud, the note Chris wrote to Jamie in her yearbook, for the whole party to hear. After being humiliated, Chris takes off on his bike and leaves town.

Ten years fly by and the audience is introduced to the present-day Chris who is now a successful music business executive in Los Angeles, has dropped a couple hundred pounds and is now a fit, “love ‘em and leave ‘em” womanizer.

This high roller gets a new gorgeous girl just seconds after he kicks the old one to the curb.

On a business trip to Europe, one of Chris’s music talents, Samantha James, who just so happens to be a somewhat psychotic druggie, played by Anna Farris, sets the plane on fire, forcing it to land in New Jersey, where Chris was once humiliated and had sworn never to go back to due to the embarrassing note-reading episode.

While in New Jersey, Chris takes Samantha to a bar where he sees his high school love, Jamie, serving drinks behind the bar.

As it turns out, this newfound womanizer still has a weak spot for his high school sweetheart and proves that he’s not as slick as he makes himself out to be to all of the other girls who fall madly in love with him.

What happens with Chris and Jamie? I guess you’ll have to see for yourself. Does she miss Chris, the cuddly teddy bear, or does she fall for his newfound arrogant play-er ways.

There are a lot of movies coming out this holiday season that all look pretty promising, but I think a lot of the movies are going to have a problem competing with “Just Friends.”

In my opinion, I think you should all put your military discounts to use, and pay the \$6.25 to see this romantic comedy.

You won’t be disappointed.

**Cpl. Megan L. Stiner**  
*Press Chief*

A fat guy turned pimp, a pretty girl looking for love, multiple fight scenes and a happy ending — what more could you ask for in a movie? Well, how about an ongoing story line? “Just Friends” is a romantic comedy that is funny and touching but not as much as it could have been.

Most everyone has been devastated by the old cliché, “I just want to be friends,” but this movie takes it to the next level, when funny guy Ryan Reynolds dons a fat suit in order to play the role of Chris, a lovable chubster who is head-over-heels in love with Jamie, played by Amy Smart, his best friend as well as the most beautiful and popular girl in school.

The beginning of the film takes viewers back to 1995, when Jamie and Chris had just graduated high school. Chris had chosen to let his feelings be known at her party, but things got out of control and he ends up being humiliated and riding away on his bicycle, not to be seen again in his town for 10 years.

The film then skips to present-day Chris who managed to slim down, become a successful record company executive and morph into a self-ish womanizer.

The movie swerves into the comedy zone when superstar and drama queen, Samantha James, played by Anna Faris, is introduced.

Chris’ boss gives him a mission to sign Samantha with his company. In order to seal the deal, Samantha drags Chris on a trip to Paris. Along the way, she manages to gain the hatred of the viewers as well as Chris, with her lovey dovey, smoochy pookey, overly dramatic and under-talented singing.



I have to give Faris credit though, how anyone could manage to play that role so well is beyond me. It was quite disturbing.

After foiling the plane trip to Paris, Samantha and Chris end up in New Jersey with a downed aircraft and a couple of headaches. But it just so happens they are close to Chris’ neighborhood and the two end up spending the night in his old house.

The unexpected arrival introduces hilarious character number three, Chris’ mother. Although she is not in the film much, the scenes she is in tend to gain laughs from movie-goers.

Being back in town foreshadows Chris and Jamie’s meeting once again. And when they do meet, it is a life-altering moment for both. Chris falls for the blonde beauty once again, and Jamie takes every opportunity available to hang out with him, until she realizes he has changed into a devious, boring pig.

Chris makes time to pursue his love by leaving Samantha at home with his lustful little brother, Mike, played by Christopher Marquette, who makes it his mission to get her to fall for him.

Soon after Jamie reaches the conclusion that Chris is no longer the friend he once was, another nerd-turned-attractive sweetheart, Dusty, played by Chris Klein, steals Chris’ thunder and gains Jamie’s attention.

The love pentagon among Chris, Jamie, Samantha, Mike and Dusty, plays out for the rest of the movie, draining the energy from the film and causing it to drag.

The arguing/fighting scenes between Chris and Mike tend to be quite enjoyable. They may actually be the saving grace for the film but, unfortunately, they aren’t enough to cloud viewers from the film’s slow descent into a “just okay” movie instead of a “hilarious must see” flick.

I would recommend seeing this film, but I think I would wait until it comes out on video or DVD rather than seeing it on the big screen. If you have a sense of humor, it will make you laugh, and probably hard, but alas, the ending falls short, and its predictability causes it to lack greatness.

# Luncheon brings excitement

Thanksgiving meal gives children at CDC something to talk about

**Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson**  
*Combat Correspondent*

Even though the official Thanksgiving dinner celebration isn't usually until the 24th of the month, the Child Development Center aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, had an early Thanksgiving lunch on Nov.



Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson  
Akiko Jenks and her 4-year-old son Andrew make their way down the food line at the CDC's Thanksgiving Day lunch, Nov. 22.

22 at the CDC, inviting parents and children.

The luncheon is held every year, and more than 75 percent of families participated in the festivities, said Cathy English, assistant director, CDC.

"Not only do we have parents attend the luncheon," said the Groton, Conn. native. "We also have extended families who are willing to come and have lunch with the children as well."

Planning the event took roughly two weeks with food preparation provided by the CDC representatives who began cooking the night prior to the luncheon, said English. The CDC provided the turkey, stuffing, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy. Families were welcome to bring desserts at their own discretion.

"The children always seem to be really excited about the event and talk about it days in advance," said English. "I think just having the children have a Thanksgiving meal with their parents and their friends around them is the best thing."

This is the second year that Claire Copeland brought her son Jackson to the event and the first year for her youngest son of 22 months, Caden.

"I have to juggle where to go today because my sons are different ages and in different classrooms," laughed Copeland. "We will eat dinner together in this classroom and have dessert in the other one, I guess."

The Rhondda Valley, Wales native has been

living in Kailua for roughly a year and a half and said the turnout and effort that the CDC and families put into the event was great.

"We don't celebrate Thanksgiving in Wales, but I think it's really good for the children to learn about traditions here," said Copeland.

"Jackson was really excited about coming here today, and I think having events with parents involved is great. I've always been happy with the events the CDC puts on. It's always a

good show."

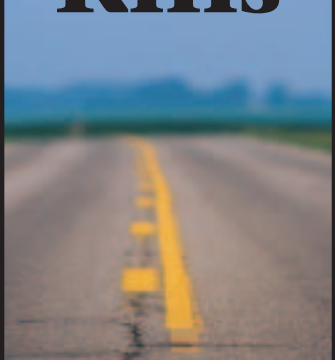
The CDC holds a variety of events for the holidays throughout the year. A Halloween parade was held earlier this year, and the next event will be the Holiday Parade on Dec. 15.

"We want to keep doing all of these events each year, because the children all really seem to have a good time," said English. "Even if only a couple of times a year, it's great to be able to get everyone together."



Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson  
Caden Copeland, 22 months old, partakes in the food at his first Child Development Center's annual Thanksgiving luncheon, Nov. 22. Sitting with him is his mother Claire, and 4-year-old brother Jackson.

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Pfc. Edward C. deBree

Seaman Devin Ortega warms up before the pool tournament that took place at the Single Marine & Sailor Program's Thanksgiving Bash Nov. 23, at Kahuna's Recreational Center here. The event offered Marines and Sailors free food, drinks, movies and game tournaments the night before Thanksgiving.

# SM&SP holds free Thanksgiving bash

Marines and Sailors relax with free food, movies and games

**Pfc. Edward C. deBree**

Combat Correspondent

Marines and Sailors gathered at Kahuna's Recreational Center aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Nov. 23, to take part in the annual Thanksgiving Bash, sponsored by the Marine Corps Community Services' Single Marine & Sailor Program.

During the bash, Marines and Sailors were treated to free food and beverages and took part in tournaments such as Texas Hold 'em, spades, and pool. They were also treated to movies such as "Radio."

The bash kicked off at 6 p.m., starting with approximately 20 people who participated in the Texas Hold 'em tournament. After Texas Hold 'em, a Spades tournament consisting of four teams of four participants was held. At approximately 8 p.m., eight people signed up for the pool tournament.

"There was an overall good turnout," said Gabby Black, coordinator, Single Marine & Sailor Program. "We had people sign up for the Spades tournament who had never played the game before. It was just a good, fun time."

Prizes were awarded to the winners and participants of the tournaments. Winners of the tournaments won gift certificates to Planet Hollywood, brunch at a hotel, and 100-minute calling cards. Gift bags were also given away to people who participated in the events. The gift bag included items such as Bo Dog hats, playing cards, CDs, gift certificates from Dave and Buster's, and coupons redeemable at McDonald's. "Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves," said Black. "Most people pretty much hung out and watched movies."

"The thing that made it so cool and worthwhile is that I had six people come up to me and thank me for putting it all together and giving them a place to hang out during the holiday."

The Single Marine & Sailor Program provided the food for this event and the volunteers were a mix of SM&SP representatives and Marines and Sailors from various units. Though people seemed to enjoy themselves, the 29-year-old Palmdale, Calif. native said she hopes that there will be an even bigger turnout next year.

"Not as many people showed up as I was expecting, but we're going to try to put this event together every year, and hopefully more and more

people will show up," said Black, who has assumed the role of coordinator in March.

"I worked at the Single Marine & Sailor Program in Yuma, Arizona, in 2002, and this base has just been great to me. There are slight differences between the two, but on this base, more people seem to show up to events."

The next scheduled SM&SP event is a Christmas party that is scheduled to take place at Camp Smith, Dec. 16. The next event to take place aboard K-Bay is a Halo 2 tournament set for January 2006.

For more information, call 254-7593.

## ON THE MENU AT ANDERSON HALL

### Today

#### Lunch

Seafood Platter  
— Fried Fish Nuggets  
— Fried Shrimp  
— Fried Scallops  
— Breaded Oysters

Lasagna  
Baked Ravioli  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Simmered Asparagus  
Italian Mixed Vegetables  
Chewy Nut Bars  
Yellow Cake Layer w/Butter Cream Frosting  
Fruit Pies

#### Dinner

Roast Pork Loin  
Barbequed Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes  
Wild Rice  
Simmered Broccoli  
Corn on the Cob  
Dinner Rolls  
Applesauce  
Chewy Nut Bars  
Yellow Cake Layer w/Butter Cream Frosting  
Fruit Pies

### Saturday

#### Brunch/Dinner

Herbed Rock Cornish Hen  
Grilled Strip Loin  
Steak  
Rice Pilaf  
Mashed Potatoes

Herbed Green Beans  
Simmered Carrots  
Applesauce Cake  
Fruit Pies  
Chocolate Chip Cookies

### Sunday

#### Brunch/Dinner

Yankee Pot Roast  
Baked Ham  
Mashed Potatoes  
Candied Sweet Potatoes  
Simmered Mixed Vegetables  
Simmered Pinto Beans  
Chocolate Layer Cake w/Chocolate Cream Frosting  
Fruit Pies

### Monday

#### Lunch

Baked Meatloaf  
Creole Pork Chops  
Mashed Potatoes  
Noodles Jefferson  
Boston Baked Beans  
Simmered Peas and Carrots  
Apple Crisp  
Chocolate Chip Cookies  
Fruit Pies

#### Dinner

Baked Turkey and Noodles  
Baked Fresh Fish  
Steamed Rice

Simmered Corn  
Simmered Brussels Sprouts  
Apple Crisp  
Chocolate Chip Cookies  
Fruit Pies

### Tuesday

#### Lunch

Beef Sukiyaki  
Pork Chop Suey  
Egg Foo Young  
Chinese Fried Egg Rolls  
Steamed Rice  
Chicken Fried Rice  
Stir Fry Vegetables  
Simmered Broccoli  
Show Mein Noodles  
Sweet and Sour Sauce  
Fruit Pies  
Chocolate Pudding

#### Dinner

Creole Macaroni  
Honey Ginger Chicken Breasts  
Mashed Potatoes  
Noodles Jefferson  
Simmered Green Beans  
Cauliflower Au Gratin  
Fruit Pies  
Chocolate Pudding

### Wednesday

#### Lunch

Barbecue Spareribs  
Country Style Steak  
Red Beans and Rice  
Mashed Potatoes

Southern Style Collard Greens  
Simmered Corn on the Cob  
Fruit Pies  
Oatmeal Cookies

#### Dinner

Baked Chicken  
Beef Pot Pie  
Boiled Egg Noodles  
Mashed Potatoes  
Southern Style Squash  
Simmered Peas w/Mushrooms  
Brownies  
Fruit Pies

### Thursday

#### Lunch

Baked Lasagna  
Veal Parmesan  
Mashed Potatoes  
Simmered Carrots  
Italian Mixed Vegetables  
Pizza Slices  
Garlic Toast  
Brownies  
Fruit Pies

#### Dinner

Chicken Vega  
Simmered Corned Beef  
Parsley Buttered Potatoes  
Buttered Egg Noodles  
Simmered Carrots  
Fried Cabbage  
Mustard Sauce  
Apple Pie  
Oatmeal Cookies

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# WORD TO PASS

## Washington Place Holds Holiday Open House

The tradition of opening Washington Place for the holidays was begun in 1858 by Mary Dominis, who invited 100 children to see the first decorated tree in her home.

The tradition continues as the former Hawaii governor's residence will be open to the public today from 5 to 8 p.m.

Lt. Gov. Duke Aiona and his wife Vivian will greet guests. Showcased will be trees decorated in Victorian fashion, Christmas music and caroling in the studio artists of Hawaii Opera Theatre.

Admission is free. Washington Place was converted into a museum in 2002 when a second structure, built to house future governors and their families, was completed. Gov. Linda Lingle is the first governor to occupy the new residence.

## Museum Hosts a Vernissage

An old European art tradition, a vernissage was always known as a preview or private viewing and signaled the ceremonial start of an art exhibition at such prestigious venues as the Royal Academy in France.

The community is invited to attend a vernissage on Saturday to celebrate the grand opening of the Academy's suite of renovated and newly designed galleries devoted to the display of Western art. The community vernissage, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., offers free admission, refreshments while they last, and ongoing entertainment in Central Court.

The seven-month renovation project provided the Academy with the opportunity to reinstall major parts of its Western collection in a more

chronological and conceptually cohesive fashion, beginning with Western antiquities.

For more details, call 532-8700.

## Honolulu Academy of Arts to Hold Free Lecture

Dr. Genshitsu Sen is the father of the present grand Tea Master Shoshitsu Sen XVI of the Urasenke School of Tea and the oldest son of the 14th generation Grand Master Tantansai. Dr. Sen has devoted his life to the goal of sharing a bowl of tea with others in the hopes that the spiritual experience will offer people everywhere a means toward attaining international brotherhood and understanding.

He will present a free lecture and demonstration on Saturday at 10 a.m. in Doris Duke Theatre at the Honolulu Academy of Arts. Seating is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more info, call 532-8700.

## Disneyland to Hold Auditions for "Aladdin"

Auditions will be held for the Disneyland production of "Aladdin" on Dec. 11 from noon to 6 p.m. and Dec. 12 from 11:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Ballet Hawaii Studios in the Dole Cannery.

The open call is for the title role of "Aladdin" at age 18. Disney is looking for a good-looking male who has great charisma, a good physique and is a baritone/tenor to portray Aladdin. A female is also needed to play an 18-year-old "Jasmine." She should be an exotic, feisty soprano with a classic Disney princess sound. Also sought is a male to portray "Genie." The actor must be able to play ages 26 to 40s and is a great celebrity impressionist/improvisa-

tional actor who can carry a tune and quickly transform from character to character. The role of "Jafar" also needs to be filled by a male who can portray ages 35 to 55, is at least 6 feet tall, is a bass/baritone and is a great actor/singer with a commanding and menacing presence.

Auditioners should bring a photo and résumé, and be prepared to sing appropriately for the role sought. For more details, call 732-7733.

## Volunteers Needed for Marathon Aid Station

Compadres Bar & Grill in Ward Centre is sponsoring its annual aid station to give out refreshments to runners in the Honolulu Marathon on Dec. 11, and the call has gone out for community volunteers to participate.

The water station is on Ala Moana Boulevard, fronting the Ilikai Hotel, and requires hundreds of volunteers to assist with set up, cleanup and distribution of water to the marathon participants.

Volunteers are asked to assemble at 2:30 a.m. After handing out water and seeing the front-runners go by, volunteers will be invited back to Compadres in Ward Centre for a fiesta breakfast and celebration with restaurant owner Rick Enos in attendance.

For more information, or to sign up, call Compadres at 591-8307.

## Academy Presents a Childrens' Christmas Celebration

Ho, ho, ho! Christmas at the Academy means holiday entertainment and a visit with Santa Claus.

On Dec. 18, enjoy live performances that include young talented dancers from The Movement Center and Suzuki Method Violin students.

Children can enjoy Parasol Puppets' presentation of The Animals' Christmas. The Oahu Civic Orchestra will also return to the Academy for a Christmas concert. In addition, children can craft a jingle-bell necklace or Christmas decoration for their home.

Take a break from the mall and share the holiday spirit with art lovers of all ages. Mark your calendar for upcoming Bank of Hawaii Sundays.

Admission is free and includes entrance to the museum, a gallery hunt related to the theme, live entertainment, a children's art activity and light refreshments.

## DeCA Accepts Scholarship Applications

Children of active duty, Reserve, Coast Guard, retired and/or survivors of deceased military personnel may apply to the Scholarships for Military Children Program.

The Defense Commissary Agency intends to award at least one \$1,500 scholarship that each commissary DeCA operates, to dependent, unmarried students from 21 to 23.

Applications are available now at [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org). The deadline to apply is Feb. 22, 2006. Students should turn in their completed form to their local commissary.

For more information, call Scholarship Managers at (856) 573-9400 or e-mail [militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com](mailto:militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com).

## Toys for Tots Collection Sites in Place

This year, in addition to striving to reach millions of needy children nationwide, Marines will strive to bring the joy of Christmas to the

thousands of children whose families lost everything due to the hurricanes this year.

Toys for Tots collection barrels are situated at various sites throughout Oahu. Those who wish to donate can place new, unwrapped toys in these barrels.

These toys will be collected, examined, sorted and sent to the appropriate agencies — including local government agencies and charitable groups — that distribute the toys to disadvantaged children.

New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at:

- AIG Hawaii offices
- Army Hawaii Family Housing
- Bank of Hawaii
- Elements Spa & Salon
- Hawaii Telcom
- Hickam Community Housing offices
- JN Chevrolet/Mazda
- KB Toys
- KMart
- Longs Drugs
- MCB Hawaii Self-Help
- Marine Corps Exchange Annex
- Navy Federal Credit Union
- Price Busters
- Subway shops
- Toys R Us
- UPS stores
- Windward Community Federal Credit Union

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If you have a Word to Pass that is of general interest, e-mail the information to [editor@hawaii.marine.com](mailto:editor@hawaii.marine.com) at least two weeks prior to the date of your event.

The information will be edited in the interest of good taste and space constraints. For more details, call 257-8835 or 257-8837.

## TINAZ, From B-3

and was selected under the Chief Warrant Officer/Limited Duty Officer Commissioning Program in February 2004.

"I wanted to get the opportunity to make policies, not just enforce them," said Tinaz. "Through this program, there is no college degree necessary. The Navy seeks technical experts in different fields."

Tinaz attended what he calls the "Mustang University" in Pensacola, Fla., for six weeks. There, he perfected leadership/management curriculum after he was commissioned in March 2005 and arrived at K-Bay, where he took on the role of the OIC for Waterfront Operations.

"Since Bos'n Tinaz arrived here in May, he has easily gained everyone's respect who works for him," said Sanchez. "I've been in the Navy 7 1/2 years, and he taught me things about leadership that none of my other leaders had. He is one of those people that you will never forget. He truly cares about all of us and our well-being, and I hope to run into him again one day in the future."

Before eventually retiring from the Navy, Tinaz said he plans to earn a bachelor's degree, but until then, he plans to just live in the moment and enjoy his time here.

"Don't take yourself too seriously in life," said Tinaz. "Use the balance of humor and reality to get the mission done."



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# King of the Grill

Staff Sgt. Daniel G. Newcomb (right), postal chief for the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Post Office, displays the plaque he received after winning the Command of the Grill competition, Nov. 19 held at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. Newcomb's Portobello mushroom steak gave him the win, with Gunnery Sgt. Steven M. Burkett (left) placing second and Maj. Kevin McCollough coming in third. As Command of the Grill winner for K-Bay, Newcomb not only won a gas grill for himself and another for his unit, he also won a trip to New York City to compete against other Command of the Grill winners from around the Corps, during the Navy's Annual Fleet Week celebrations.



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